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Docket No.: C037780/0123357

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :)
Philip M. Green) Examiner: Florian M. Zeender
Serial No.: 10/077,429) Art Unit: 3627
Filed: February 15, 2002)

For: **RULES-BASED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

New York, New York
March 11, 2005

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
INCLUDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, hereby extending the period for response from February 11, 2005 until March 11, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before March 11, 2005. See 37 C.F.R. §1.8. A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

It is not believed that this response occasions any other fee, but should there be any such fee, please charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

RESPONSE

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the invention contained two groups of inventions which have been labeled Groups I and II. The Examiner considers these inventions to be distinct from each other requiring restriction under MPEP §806.05(e).

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In accordance with the requirement, applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the subject matter of Group II, namely claims 7-9 and 16-28, drawn to a method for a plurality of transactions. Notwithstanding Applicant's traverse, the applicants reserve the right under U.S. Patent laws to prosecute the unclaimed subject matter in a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application at a later time.

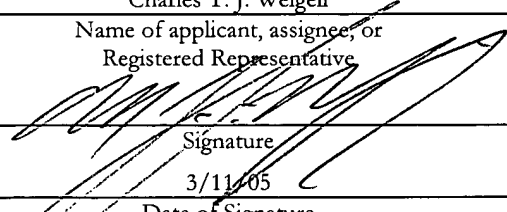
In addition, the Examiner stated that the invention contained three groups of species which have been labeled Groups I, II and III. The Examiner considers these species to be distinct from each other requiring restriction under MPEP §809.02(a).

In accordance with the requirement, applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the species of Group I, namely the specie best depicted by claims 7-9 and 16-22. Notwithstanding Applicant's traverse, the applicants reserve the right under U.S. Patent laws to prosecute the unclaimed subject matter in a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

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